

# Online Personal Safety For Children

With more time spent online, it's important to talk to your children about online personal safety. The internet is a great place to find information, play games, and connect with friends. Here are some safety tips to talk to your children about how to connect, play and be online safely. Online personal safety is just as important as physical personal safety!



Don't give anyone your password, name, address, school name or any information about your family



Don't stay online if you see something you think your parents won't like



Don't talk to strangers on the Internet\*



Don't post pictures of yourself without your parents' permission



Don't agree to meet anyone in person that you've met online



Do not download or install anything on your computer without your parents' permission



Don't fill in a profile that asks for your name and address or use any identifying information.



If you have any questions about something you read, ask your parent or guardian



Don't visit a chat room without an adult's / parent's permission



If you are online and someone makes you feel uncomfortable, remember you don't have to respond

\*A lot of online games are designed for group play; meaning players will interact with people they don't know. A lot of these games have messaging apps functions built in to the game as well. These interactive functions can be disabled on some games. Take some time to learn your child's games; talk to your child about who and how they are interacting with people online; and play the games with your child. You will have a better understanding of their online activity and may even have fun doing it!